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SUBJ: PRC APPROVES MONTH STAY ON COMMUNE FOR AMERICAN ADACEMICS

1. SUMMARY. AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR AND HIS WIFE, CURRENTLY VISITING THE PRC WITH A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DELEGATION, HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM PRC AUTHORITIES TO WORK ON A NORTH CHINA COMMUNE FOR ONE MONTH FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF THE DELEGATION. THIS IS FIRST TIME TO KNOWLEDGE OF USLO THAT PRC HAS PERMITTED AMERICAN ACADEMICS WHO ARE NOT ETHNIC CHINESE AND HAVE NO SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT TO STAY ON COMMUNE FOR EXTENDED PERIOD. THE DELEGATION ALSO TOLD USLO THAT ANTI-MAO SENTIMENT WAS STRIKING IN HANGCHOW AND NANKING. END SUMMARY.

2. PROFESSOR PAUL PICKOWICZ (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAND DIEGO HISTORY DEPARTMENT) AND HIS WIFE KAY HOHNSON (TEACHER AT UCLA), WHO ARE CURRENTLY LEADING A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DELEGATION WINDING UP A VISIT TO THE PRC,  
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HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM PRC AUTHORITIES TO REMAIN BEHIND AND WORK ON A NORTH CHINA COMMUNE FOR ONE MONTH. THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR A COMMUNE IN TING-HSIEN, HOPEH, WHERE THEY HOPE TO COLLECT INFORMATION FOR A BOOK; TING-HSIEN HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PAST SCHOLARLY WORK AND WAS SELECTED WITH THE HOPE OF UPDATING ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE OF IT. CHINESE AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THIS OBJECTIVE, HAVE

SEEMED SYMPATHETIC, BUT HAVE NOT YET NAMED THE COMMUNE OR REGION WHERE THE TWO WILL WORK.

3. THIS IS FIRST TIME TOKNOWLEDGE OF USLO THAT PRC HAS PERMITTED AMERICAN ACADEMICS WHO ARE NOT ETHNIC CHINESE AND HAVE NO SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT TO STAY ON COMMUNE FOR EXTENDED PERIOD. IN 1976, HOWEVER, A GROU INCLUDING AMERICANS WAS PERMITTED TO WORK IN A CHINESE FACTORY AND IN THE CHINESE COUNTRYSIDE THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE HINTON FAMILY, LONG-TIME "AMERICAN FRIENDS" OF CHINA. ONE OF THE GROUP MEMBERS (ORVILLE SCHELL) RECORDED HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE BOOK IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC: AN AMERICAN'S FIRSHAND VIEW OF LIVING AND WORKING IN CHINA. A NUMBER OF AMERICANS OF CHINESE ORIGIN HAVE BEEN PERMITTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT TO WORK AND STUDY IN CHINA DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS.

4. VARIOUS DELEGATION MEMBERS REFERRED TO OPEN ANTI-MAO SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY CHINESE DURING THEIR VISITS TO HANGCHOW AND NANKING. IN HANGCHOW THEY SAW THE USUAL BILLBOARD QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN MAO WITH THE CHARACTERS "CHAIRMAN MAO"DEFACED AND CHIPPED AWAY. IN NANKING, THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A SCRAWLED "DOWN WITH CHAIRMAN MAO" ON ONE PROMINENT WALL ALONG TAIPING TORAD.  
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